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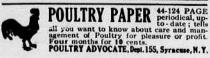


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"Why do you spend all your time inadvining us about bonds, and farm mortgages and gilt edge stuff. You know that one lucky investment is worth a lifetime of saving. Why don't you help us to find that one lucky investment is worth a lifetime of saving. Why don't you help us to find that one lucky investment is worth a lifetime of saving. Why don't you help us to find that one lucky investment is worth a lifetime of saving. Why don't you help us to find that one lucky investment is to flept readers to get rich. The purpose of this magazine, to help readers to get rich. The purpose of this magazine is to help its readers to be more useful men and women. And the most useful men and women in the world have not been the richest.

Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence and added to our country the great area west of the Mississispip, was reduced to poverty in his old age.

Lincoln, who saved the Union, had \$10,000 when he was elected President, and said he hoped some day to have \$20,000, which was "all the money any man ought to want."

Agassiz, the great scientist, said: "I have not time to get rich"; and most of the men who have felt likewise.

If you want to know the second reason why Mr. Atwood advises you to save instead of speculate, read the inventory of the estate of the next rich man who dies.

See how much junk is in his safe deposit vault.

Notice that the real money he has made has been made by hard work in some enterprise of real service to the world. The worthless stocks and bonds in his strong box, the junk, represent his occasional efforts to get rich quick through what our correspondent calls a "lucky investment."

Insurance men state that most men at the age of forty have saved something; but nine out of

## Can Cats and Dogs Communicate Disease?

By EDWIN F. BOWERS, M.D.

NATS and dogs not only can communicate disease, but frequently do. It is quite certain that hydrophobia, smallpox, chickenpox, relapsing fever —a filth disease—typhoid and typhus, cholera, mumps, measles and scarlet fever, ringworm, lockjaw, tapeworm, asthma, common cold, grippe or even pneumonia, and many other germ diseases, have been contracted from animals.

The germs find lodgment in the nostrils, mouths, throats or furs of our pets, especially of those permitted to roam sweet-willed among garbage cans and refuse piles.

Animals may convey diseases to their owners by harboring germ-carrying in-sects, the bite of which causes disease in Or germs may find entrance into our bodies through abrasions in the skin made by the teeth or claws of ill-tem-

pered, or only rough-playing pets.

Of the two great families of pets—or
pests, depending upon the viewpoint—
which enliven mankind, the canine is infinitely less to be feared than is the feline. Indeed, the chief objection to dogs is that they are sanitary nuisances—especially in the city. Also, that swarms of germs, and entire colonies of the eggs of parasites, capable of conveying grave diseases if they find lodgment in food or drink, are distributed broadcast by them.

Yet all that applies objectionably to dogs applies equally to cats, with the additional charge that cats are perfect hosts for diphtheria germs, owing to the excellent mobilizing quarters the mi-crobes find in their rough tongues, as well as on the corrugated roofs of their mouths, and around the soft palate, where the bugs increase and multiply—

without harming Mrs. or Mr. Cat.

But from these coigns of vantage the bacilli can be sneezed or expectorated all over the neighborhood, or be most advantageously distributed over the cat's fur during the "cleansing" process. The consequences to a child handling a cat thus infected may be readily surmised.

The Bulletin of the New York Health

Department tells us that dogs and cats frequently have been responsible for conveying "Foot and Mouth Disease" from one farm to another. Cats, especially, have been seen with the blisters and sores characteristic of this disease, on the inside of their mouths and lips. In several instances the disorder was communicated by them to children.

Ringworm is another disease contracted frequently from "patchy" pets: And if a school child gets it, he may contaminate a whole company of playmates, before he is corralled and before the germs can be killed. Most medical school inspectors will have little or no difficulty in placing their fingers and thumbs upon epidemics that had their triumphant origin in some one's mangy cat.
Indeed, the Veterinary Institute of

Berlin, some time ago, found that five and nine-tenths per cent. of cats have cancer—mostly cancer of the skin, and, while there is no definite proof that this disease is contagious, it may be just as well to keep on the safe side of anything so dangerous and formidable as cancer

Be very certain that every bite from either a cat or a dog is properly cleansed and cauterized. If there be the slightest suspicion as to the moral status of the animal, it would be well and eminently sensible to take the Pasteur treatment. If given within a week or ten days, the treatment is uniformly successful in preventing hydrophobia.

In many cities throughout the country a movement is afoot, calculated to fix by license the ownership and responsibility for all pet animals—cats as well as dogs. This is proper and most excellent. from the standpoint of the animals them-selves, it would be much better to destroy all homeless vagrants of canine or feline